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The Honorable US District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly,

I wish to express my concern over Microsoft's initial proposal to satisfy its antitrust penalty by providing second hand computer hardware in schools and then its own operating system and associated software applications.

This is pathetic of them to believe that the judicial system as well as the public would believe that this is fair. Rather, it only furthers their monopoly both in the schools and the future job market, where these "Microsoft schooled" students will know of no other choices.

Let Microsoft provide hardware (either PCs, or MACs), and let them provide the hardware for providing networking to the schools. Let the schools choose the operating system (MAC, Linux, or Microsoft). I encourage you to seriously consider the offer by Red Hat's president to provide the free Linux OS to all schools.

The United States is synonymous with the idea of choices, a democracy provides for choices. Microsoft has one choice: theirs. I urge you to reject the proposal put forward by Microsoft in this antitrust settlement.

Respectfully,

Louie Swalby /s/

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